

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the Office Action. Claims 6-8 and 16-23 are pending in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

The rejection of claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112 is moot in view of the cancellation of those claims above.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over *Thomson*. That reference does not disclose a urethane that does not contain wax. None of the materials recited in the portion of that reference relied upon by the Examiner is a waxless polyurethane or a urethane that does not contain wax. The simple statement that it includes "polyurathane" is insufficient to anticipate the claimed arrangement, which includes a specific type of urethane (i.e., one without wax). As polyurethanes typically include wax, the teachings of *Thomson* are insufficient to anticipate the claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the combination of *DeAngelis* combined with *Graff* or *Scudder*. Even if the combination were proper, the result is not the same as the claimed invention. None of those references teach a waxless polyurethane or a urethane that does not contain wax. Accordingly, none of the claims are obvious.

Additionally, none of the art teaches an elevator belt having a single urethane coating over all of the load carrying members that is made of a urethane that does not contain wax. Additionally, none of the art discloses a rectangular cross-sectioned coating over the elongate load carrying members.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative will be happy to discuss any issues regarding this application and can be contacted at the telephone number indicated below.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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